

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, and 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 100, “Crow and Pigeon Regulations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 100 contains the regulations for hunting crows and pigeons. The proposed amendment allows pigeons to be taken year round as studies show the population can withstand this change. The practical effect of the proposed amendment is that dove hunters will be able to shoot a pigeon while hunting doves. Currently, pigeons cannot be shot with a firearm, the weapon of choice for hunting doves, during the majority of the dove season. Dove season is from September 1 through October 9, and pigeons can only be shot with a firearm beginning October 1.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before May 23, 2013. Written comments may be directed to Bureau Chief, Wildlife Bureau, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; by e-mail at wildlife@dnr.iowa.gov; or by fax at (515)281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their comments orally may contact the Wildlife Bureau by telephone at (515)281-5034 or by visiting the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building during regular business hours.

There will be a public hearing on May 23, 2013, at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. At the public hearing, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Participants will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department of Natural Resources and request specific accommodations.

After analysis and review of this proposed rule making, no impact on private sector jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, and 481A.48.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 100.2(1) as follows:

100.2(1) Pigeon season. There is a continuous open season for the taking of pigeons ~~except the season for taking pigeons with firearms shall be October 1 to March 31. However, within 100 yards of buildings and bridges pigeons may be taken with firearms the year around.~~ No bag or possession limit. Entire state open.